

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State professional organizations which have developed and maintained exceptional reputations for service and for high standards within their chosen areas of endeavor; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri Independent Bankers Association is an organization of small and medium-sized banks which are locally owned, operated, and dedicated to meeting the financial needs of their communities; and

**Whereas**, organized in 1959 after the 1958 statewide referendum on branch banking, Missouri Independent Bankers Association has since represented the interests of its membership in Jefferson City on issues of vital importance in both the legislative and regulatory arenas; and

**Whereas**, Missouri Independent Bankers Association has distinguished itself as the first statewide independent bankers association to be formed in the state of Missouri and as the oldest state independent bankers association in the United States; and

**Whereas**, Missouri Independent Bankers Association is governed by a president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer who are elected during the annual convention by a board of directors which is itself composed of more than sixty members selected by convention delegates from a pool of candidates nominated by the general membership; and

**Whereas**, Missouri Independent Bankers Association is dedicated to the belief that independent community banks are better able to fully serve their communities than any other financial institution, committed to protecting Missouri's banking system from trends toward concentration of economic and financial power into fewer hands, and determined to preserve banking law and structure which will assure the continued survival and prosperity of independent banks:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate April 2003 as Missouri Independent Community Banking Month; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Independent Bankers Association of North Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sherman Parker  
District No. 12

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker